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Hawaiian Mele Haui ka Lani, or "The Overthrow of the Islands." by the Poet Keaulumoku, (1716-84).

(ENGLISH METRICAL VERSION) To Lawa-lawa-i-ho-nu-a's host, The Island was bestow'd, in divers lots Cut up as you might cut a calabash, In morcels large and small served on a dish, A spacious dish, with purest water cleans'd, The Royal dish of Hilo's pulssant chief, Which by I-moku's hand was polish'd bright, Kulu-kulu-a's wooden dish of fame. Bring here the long, straight cane of the bamboo, Lono-Aku-a's sharpen'd bamboo-cane, Bring here, bring here the cane with piercing point The le-le-pa-ka-lani hither bring, And let the red flesh of the isle be cut, 'Tis flesh dark color'd, sweet unto the taste, Right thro' the navel cut, where it is sweet, Tis fat, the flesh of the low'r abdomen, Let the hind part be sever'd, the land's tail, Of summer the first fruits in ki leaves wrap, The head cut off and in the oven place, From Lani-pa-e's groves the firewood bring; Where the small Kalo to its fellow says : We two are dead for the large Kalo's sake, In dread Maku-a's heated oven bak'd! The victor who straight forward marches on, Of his defeated foe in hot pursuit. Just now the wretch for breaking taboo dies. Thrown to the sharks by order of the priest, His body eaten, while it floats in death. By Hai-na-lu-a's mandate let him die. The land is stricken, Ku has fled abroad. The other gods with Ku have likewise fled, Thou, too, O Ku-pa-le-na, hast ta'en flight. Of Ha-ho-ma-a the red tail sweeps past, It breaks thro' all the strongholds of the land, It leaps along the uplands of the Isle, It bounds unto the verge of Hi-ki-ku, To Hiki-mo-e's limit it descends. The land on all sides is left desolate.

The fondling of the chief the people rules, Their lands he takes, their very lives are his, Obsequious the people to him bow, They feast upon bak'd Kalo at his door. They fetch the stones from all the Island round. The presence of Wa-ke-a awe inspires, Like to the thunder rumbling upon high, O'er Papa-ki-i-ki-i bursting forth, Over the plain where Ka-ne is ador'd, The plain where Ku and Lono are rever'd. The Island's savory and luscious food Into Hai-nu-ku-la-ni's mouth was cramm'd. It was collected bit by bit all round, And stor'd by Lu-a-kai-mo-ana's hands, Till great abundance reign'd on every side. By Kuka-ili-moku was taboo'd The quea, since the sage Ma-le-la's day Forbidden by the male gods of the Isle, But by the female gods not yet taboo'd, At Ula-na-e it was strictly bann'd. Whene'er a taboo is proclaim'd, the adze Is laid at rest, the tree is left unhewn ; Yet, in the inmost workings of the mind That thinks on evil, is the taboo void, E'en at the temple of Wa-ke-a's god, At I-ku, with Ki-ha-wa-hi-ne's grace. The land of Puna to consume they seek, Who search for food in time of famine dire, Who catch the fish that swims above, below The A-na-e of Wa-i-we-la's lake ;

Thence passing on to Wai-a-ke-a's pool, Thro Kula, Lapo-hu, and Pu-e-hu. At Wa-le-ka-wa-hi-ne stood the house, The great, capacious house built by the chief. Long live the chief! Ka-meha-meha bold! The Royal son of Ki-ha the divine ! A chief so great descends from thee, O Ku ! The lesser chiefs live under his command, The heads of families obey his rule, The soldiers, his brave vet'rans, own his sway, The common people bow before his face, Who form the population of the Isle-Now for the chief they make a gen'ral feast. E. M. D.

VARIETY.

A merchant asked his Sabbath-school class the other Sunday, "What is solitude?" and was answered by a boy that reads the papers, "The store that don't advertise."

A mother having occasion to reprove her little daughter for playing with some rude children received in reply, "Well, ma, some folks don't like bad company, but I always did." "Well, if this isn't mean!" said an indignent pickpocket. Here's this feller a-goin' about with this 'ere yaller chain, and when I pulls it out

there ain't no watch on the end of it." The New England undertakers are reducing their rates in hopes that the number of funerals will be increased thereby. Their prices have been so steep heretofore that very few persons

of ordinary means had the courage to die. They couldn't afford it.—Norristown Herald. A proselyting negro Baptist recently approached a benighted Methodist brother in this way: "You've read the Bible, I s'pose?" "Yes."
"Well, you've read in it of one John the Baptist, hasn't you?" "Yes." "Well, you never

saw nothing about no John the Methodist, did you?" "No," "Well, den, you see, dere's Baptists in the Bible but dere ain't no Methodist, and de Bible's on my side."

Such learned and honored philologists as Pro-fessors Whitney and March are officers of a spelling reform association which gives this specimen of how they would do it : Ther being so litl diferens between the apeerans ov the fonetic and the ordinary print and script, theez hoo can reed and riet the later will reed the fonetic print and script exily, and the new spelling can be introdeust gradenaly without hinderans to biznes or frenship.

A specimen of native Hindoo English was re-ceived by an officer at Secunderabad. After imploring the beneficence of the regiment, the applicant stated: "I got three brothers and two sisters, including me, but my brothers are dumless and they have no legs and hands, but for my another sister she have no eyes, and for CONTINUES HIS OLD BUSINESS IN THE myself I can't talk, and beside that my brothers and sisters they never eat rice nor bread except milk and sugar, and my brothers and sister they are turned as Christians."

"Children and fools speak the truth." An unfortunate widower has found that this is true. Preparing, not long since, for a ride with a young lady and desiring to blind the eyes of his housekeeper respecting his erand, he very politely informed his little son he could go too. No, I guess not," answered the small man in roundabouts. "Why, yes, wash your face and come along," persisted the father. "Shan't do it," replied the urchin. "Why didn't you go?" questioned the lady in charge, after the father had left, "he wished it, I think." "Did'nt either," retorted the boy, "he said in the bedroom he'd give me ten cents if I stay at home."

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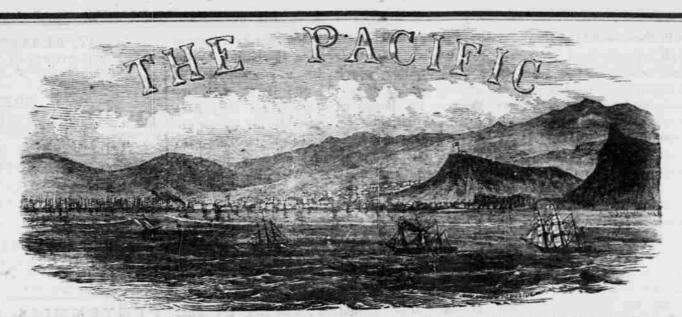
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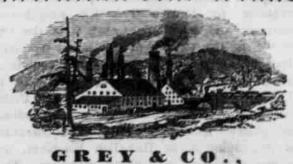
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